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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH CHAIRMAN UNESCO EXBD

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1. LEONARD MARTIN, CHAIRMAN UNESCO EXBD, ALONG WITH PERMREP DENIS CARR, CALLED ON US DEL FRIDAY A.M. MARTIN SAID HE WANTED TO FOLLOW UP ON OUR CONVERSATION IN NEW YORK, PARTICULARLY ABOUT A VISIT TO THE US. MARTIN SAID THE MEETING HE HAD EXPECTED TO USE AS A VEHICLE FOR THE VISIT WAS LATER THAN HE HAD THOUGHT AND WOULD CONFLICT WITH THE EXBD MEETING. HOWEVER, HE HAS DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED TRIP WITH HIS PEOPLE IN LONDON AND ALSO WITH M'BOW AND NAJMAN AND THEY ALL FEEL IT IS A GOOD IDEA. MARTIN SAID UNESCO WOULD PAY THE COST AND HE COULD BILL THE TRIP AS CONSULTATIONS WITH HIS MISSION IN NEW YORK IF AN UNOFFICIAL REASON WAS NECESSARY. MARTIN SAID HE IS AVAILABLE FROM 11 MARCH TO 14 APRIL.

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WE SAID WE HAD NOT YET HAD A RESPONSE FROM OUR REPORT OF THE NEW YORK MEETING, BUT A VISIT BY HIM WOULD SEEM VERY USEFUL. MEETINGS WITH OUR NATIONAL COMMISSION, NGO'S AND ALSO SELECTED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WOULD BE HELPFUL. MARTIN SAID HE WOULD DO NOTHING FURTHER UNTIL HE HEARD FROM US.

2. MARTIN THEN RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT BY AMB. BLANKENHORN, FRG, TO THE US AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF M'BOW. MARTIN THINKS THIS IS A GOOD IDEA AND HAS FULL CONFIDENCE IN AMB. BLANKENHORN, WHO IS NOW AN EX MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD. CARR SAID HE HAD BRIEFLY RAISED THE ISSUE WITH AMBASSADOR PETERSEN, FRG PERMREP, BUT THAT PETERSEN DID NOT HAVE ANY INFORMATION.

3. MARTIN THEN SAID HE HAD HAD A TWO AND ONE HALF HOUR PRIVATE MEETING WITH M'BOW. MARTIN SAID THAT HE WAS NOW EVEN MORE IMPRESSED WITH THE DG THAN BEFORE AND EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO WORK WELL WITH HIM. MARTIN SAID M'BOW HAD TOLD HIM HE INTENDED TO KEEP THE LID ON THE TWO MIDDLE EAST ISSUES AT THE SPRING EXBD MEETING. HE SAID M'BOW DID NOT SAY THAT HE INTENDED TO TAKE ANY NEW INITIATIVE AT THE MEETING ON JERUSALEM. MARTIN SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD FROM NAJMAN THAT M'BOW NOW SEEMS TO HAVE DECIDED TO SEND LEMAIRE AFTER THE BOARD MEETING. THIS WOULD PROBABLY RULE OUT ANY ACTION ON JERUSALEM. HOWEVER, MARTIN FEELS THIS ISSUE IS STILL IN LIMBO AND M'BOW HAS NOT YET MADE UP HIS MIND DEFINITELY WHETHER ANY ACTION IS POSSIBLE. FOR HIMSELF, MARTIN WAS UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT MAKING AN ATTEMPT TO LIFT SANCTIONS AT THE SPRING BOARD.

4. THE MEETING CONCLUDED BY OUR AGREEING TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH CARR, WHO WOULD ACT FOR MARTIN IN PARIS CONCERNING HIS POSSIBLE TRIP.

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5. COMMENT: WE CONTINUE TO RECOMMEND A VISIT BY MARTIN. HE IS SOFT SPOKEN AND CAN MAKE AN EXCELLENT IMPRESSION ON NGO'S AND CONGRESSMEN. HIS VISIT COULD BE KEPT AT A LOW KEY AND THE NATIONAL COMMISSION WOULD PROVIDE A PROGRAM MUCH IN THE SAME MANNER AS THAT ARRANGED FOR HECTOR WYNTER.

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